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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated 18 June 2002, please amend the above-entitled application as follows:

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IN THE DRAWINGS

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated 18 June 2002 and the objections to Figures 5 to 14 set forth in Paper No. 6, please substitute new formal drawings for Figures 5 to 14 enclosed herein.

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IN THE CLAIM

14 46 (Amended). A laser apparatus for writing visible surface deformations on a top surface of a multi-layered hard disk having a top layer and a plurality of intermediate metallic layers and a supporting substrate layer, comprising:

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(a) one of said plurality of intermediate metallic layers having a lower melting temperature than the layer above it comprising a sublayer to be melted;